



## Overview

**Table 26**

### **Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, by Geographic Region and Division, 2007**

- Nationwide in 2007, law enforcement agencies cleared 44.5 percent of violent crimes by arrest or by exceptional means. By region, law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared 49.7 percent of their violent crimes; in the South, 45.5 percent; in the West, 43.4 percent; and in the Midwest, 39.2 percent.
- In 2007, law enforcement agencies in the Nation cleared 16.5 percent of property crime offenses by arrest or by exceptional means. By region, agencies in the Northeast cleared 19.3 percent of the property crime offenses; agencies in the South cleared 17.1 percent. Agencies in the Midwest and West cleared 16.2 percent and 14.5 percent of property crime offenses, respectively.
- Of the Nation's four regions, law enforcement agencies in the South cleared the highest percentage of murder offenses (65.3 percent). Law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared the highest percentage of forcible rape offenses (44.5 percent), robbery offenses (29.4 percent), and aggravated assault offenses (62.5 percent).
- Of the Nation's four regions, law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared the highest percentage of two of the three property crimes: 15.0 percent of burglaries and 21.1 percent of larceny-thefts. Law enforcement agencies in the South cleared the highest percentage (15.3 percent) of motor vehicle theft offenses.
- Law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared the highest percentage (24.0 percent) of arson offenses.